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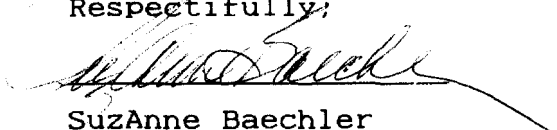
The Honorable Donna R. Searcy, Secretary;

On behalf of the Home Satellite Dish consumers, the Consumer Satellite Coalition (CSC) is filing formally the enclosed reply in the Federal Communications Commission Inquiry into Encryption Technology for Satellite Cable Programming, PP-Docket No. 92-234.

Attached is an original and nine copies of the CSC reply to be distributed so that each Commissioner may have a personal copy.

Assuring you, your assistance in our reply filing is appreciated.

Respectfully,


SuzAnne Baechler
CSC Founder and
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PP Docket No. 92-234

REPLY COMMENTS

The Consumer Satellite Coalition (CSC), a national, grass roots, nonprofit organization of close to 4 million home satellite dish owners, respectfully submits these Reply Comments in the above-captioned proceeding.

CSC notes for the record of this proceeding that the comments submitted by General Instrument Corporation, the Satellite Broadcasting and Communication Association, Direct-TV and Channel Master did not address how their proposals would affect and possibly undermine the public interest.

CSC in its comments did address the concerns of the public by emphasizing that any technological change affecting consumer equipment should be compatible and transparent with existing technology. If these requirements are not met, then consumers should be compensated for equipment obsolescence. The CSC's priority is protecting the public interest. Other problems of concern to television viewers, including satellite dish owners, which should be taken into account in the Commission's determinations were addressed in CSC's comments. The CSC stands fast on the positions taken in these comments and believes it of paramount importance for the Commission to promote true competition among providers of television programs and encryption technology.

The HEART OF AMERICA INDEPENDENT SATELLITE DEALERS wishes to add its support of the CSC's 1991 petition and comments filed in this proceeding (see attached endorsement).

Respectfully submitted,



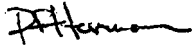
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THE HEART OF AMERICA INDEPENDENT SATELLITES DEALERS WISH TO ADD THEIR SUPPORT OF THE PETITION AND COMMENTS MADE BY THE CONSUMER SATELLITE COALITION.

IT IS ALSO THE BELIEVE OF THE HEART OF AMERICA INDEPENDENT SATELLITE DEALERS THAT A "SOFTWARE SOLUTION" TO ENCRYPTION CAN BE ACCOMPLISHED AS NOW EXIST ON COMPUTERS AND THEREFORE THE CONSUMERS WOULD NEED ONLY ONE UNIT IN THE FIELD TO RECEIVE ALL TECHNOLOGY AND COULD BE AUTHORIZED BY TELEPHONE CONNECTIONS AS IS DONE WITH MODEMS IN THE COMPUTER INDUSTRY TODAY.

WITH A NEW TELEVISION COMING ON LINE IN THE NEXT FEW YEARS, HIGH DEFINITION TELEVISION, IS MOST IMPORTANT THAT THE ISSUE OF STANDARDS AND TECHNOLOGY BE ADDRESSED SO AS NOT TO OBSOLETE ANY EXISTING TECHNOLOGY OR STANDARDS.

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